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1. Organizational and procedural matters

Date and venue of the session

1. In accordance with its annual programme of work, as considered on 8 December 2014 at the organizational session for the ninth cycle of the Human Rights Council, the Council will hold its twenty-eighth session from 2 to 27 March 2015 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

2. In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedure of the Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the organizational meeting for the twenty-eighth session will be held on 16 February 2015.

Agenda of the session

3. The agenda of the Human Rights Council is contained in section V of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. The Council will consider the present annotations relating to items included in the agenda for the twenty-eighth session.

Composition of the Human Rights Council

4. The composition of the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session is as follows:[1] Albania (2017); Algeria (2016); Argentina (2015); Bangladesh (2017); Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2017); Botswana (2017); Brazil (2015); China (2016); Congo (2017); Côte d'Ivoire (2015); Cuba (2016); El Salvador (2017); Estonia (2015); Ethiopia (2015); France (2016); Gabon (2015); Germany (2015); Ghana (2017); India (2017); Indonesia (2017); Ireland (2015); Japan (2015); Kazakhstan (2015); Kenya (2015); Latvia (2017); Maldives (2016); Mexico (2016); Montenegro (2015); Morocco (2016); Namibia (2016); Netherlands (2017); Nigeria (2017); Pakistan (2015); Paraguay (2017); Portugal (2017); Qatar (2017); Republic of Korea (2015); Russian Federation (2016); Saudi Arabia (2016); Sierra Leone (2015); South Africa (2016); the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2016); United Arab Emirates (2015); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2016); United States of America (2015); Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2015); Viet Nam (2016).

Bureau of the Human Rights Council

5. At its organizational session, held on 8 December 2014, the Human Rights Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its ninth cycle, which will run from 1 January until 31 December 2015: President of the Council, Joachim Rücker (Germany); Vice-Presidents, Mukhtar Tileuberdi (Kazakhstan), Filloreta Kodra (Albania), Juan Esteban Aguirre Martínez (Paraguay), Vice-President and Rapporteur, Mothusi Bruce Rabasha Palai (Botswana).

[1] The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parenthesis.

Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council

6. Pursuant to paragraph 42 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the Council will hold a high-level panel discussion to interact with heads of United Nations agencies within their respective mandates on specific human rights themes, with the objective of promoting the mainstreaming of human rights throughout the United Nations system (see annex).

7. Pursuant to a decision taken by the Council at its organizational session, on 8 December 2014, the Council will hold a high-level interactive dialogue on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights at its twenty-eighth session.

Selection and appointment of mandate holders

8. In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102, the consultative group composed of Alexandros Alexandris (Greece), Boudjemâa Delmi (Algeria), Remigiusz A. Henczel (Poland), Marta Maurás (Chile) and Faisal Bin Hassan Trad (Saudi Arabia) will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the new mandate holders for the following mandates to be appointed at the twenty-eighth session: Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, and Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia. Following the resignation of a member of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, the consultative group will also propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates to replace the member of the Working Group from Latin American and Caribbean States.

9. In accordance with the procedure stipulated in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of special procedures mandate holders will be completed upon the subsequent approval by the Council. The mandate holders in question will be appointed before the end of the twenty-eighth session.

Selection and appointment of members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

10. In its resolution 6/36, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a subsidiary expert mechanism to provide it with thematic expertise on the rights of indigenous peoples in the manner and form requested by the Council. The Council decided that the expert mechanism would consist of five independent experts, the selection of which would be carried out in accordance with the procedure established in paragraphs 39–53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, and strongly recommended that, in the selection and appointment process, the Council should give due regard to experts of indigenous origin.

11. In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102, the consultative group will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates to replace one of the five independent experts of the Expert Mechanism from the group of African States, whose tenure is due to expire in March 2015.

12. In accordance with the procedure stipulated in resolution 6/36 and in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of the above-mentioned expert will be completed upon the subsequent approval of the Council before the end of the session.

Report of the session

13. At the end of its session, the Human Rights Council will consider for adoption a draft report prepared by the Rapporteur. The report will contain a technical summary of the proceedings of the twenty-eighth session.

2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

14. All reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) and the Secretary-General are submitted under agenda item 2, which remains an open-ended item throughout the session. These reports will be considered at the time of consideration of relevant agenda items, as appropriate. The specific timing of their introduction will be reflected in the programme of work.

Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

15. The Human Rights Council will consider the annual report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/3), the reports on the activities of OHCHR in Guatemala and the Plurinational State of Bolivia, and the report on the situation of human rights in Colombia (A/HRC/28/3/Add.1–3).

Question of human rights in Cyprus

16. Pursuant to its decision 2/102, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of OHCHR on the question of human rights in Cyprus (A/HRC/28/20).

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

17. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/156, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/HRC/28/25).

Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

18. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/156, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/HRC/28/24).

Conclusions and recommendations of the special procedures

19. Pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/76 and Council decision 2/102, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General containing references to the conclusions and recommendations in the reports submitted by the special procedures (A/HRC/28/19).

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

20. In its resolution 69/190, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution and to submit an interim report to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the interim report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/28/26) (see also para. 88 below).

Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka

21. In its resolution 25/1, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to monitor the human rights situation in Sri Lanka, to undertake a comprehensive investigation into alleged serious violations of human rights during the period covered by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission, and to present a comprehensive report followed by a discussion on the implementation of that resolution at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/28/23), followed by a discussion.

The human rights situation in Iraq in the light of abuses committed by the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant and associated groups

22. In its resolution S-22/1 adopted at its special session on 1 September 2014, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR urgently to dispatch a mission to Iraq to investigate alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law committed by the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant and associated terrorist groups and to provide a report on its findings to the Council at an interactive dialogue during its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/28/18) during an interactive dialogue.

Effective implementation of international human rights instruments

23. In its resolution 9/8, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report annually on measures taken to implement that resolution. The Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/28/21).

Composition of staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

24. In its resolution 22/2, the Human Rights Council requested the Joint Inspection Unit to undertake a comprehensive follow-up review of the management and administration of OHCHR and to submit a report thereon at its twenty-seventh session. As explained in the note by the Secretariat submitted at the twenty-seventh session (A/HRC/27/19), given that it was not feasible for the Unit to submit the results of the review to the Council at its twenty-seventh session, the Unit would do so at the twenty-eighth session. Accordingly, the Council will consider the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/HRC/28/22).

Question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights

25. In its resolution 25/11, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to prepare and submit to it an annual report on the question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/28/35).

Promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for cultural diversity

26. In its resolution 25/19, the Human Rights Council decided to hold, at its twenty-seventh session, a panel discussion on history teaching and memorialization processes and requested the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the panel discussion for submission to the Council at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/36) (see also para. 54 below).

Protection of the family

27. In its resolution 26/11, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its twenty-seventh session, a panel discussion on the protection of the family and its members, and requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the panel discussion in the form of a

summary and to submit it at the twenty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/40).

Human rights in the administration of justice, including juvenile justice

28. In its resolution 24/12, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its twenty-seventh session, a panel discussion on the protection of the human rights of persons deprived of their liberty, and requested OHCHR to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary and to present it at the twenty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/28/29).

Integrity of the judicial system

29. In its resolution 25/4, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to convene prior to its twenty-eighth session an expert consultation on human rights considerations relating to the issues of administration of justice through military tribunals and the role of the integral judicial system in combating human rights violations. It also requested the High Commissioner to present a summary of the discussions held during the expert consultation to the Council at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the summary report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/32).

Panel on the right to privacy in the digital age

30. In its decision 25/117, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its twenty-seventh session, a panel discussion on the promotion and protection of the right to privacy in the digital age in the context of domestic and extraterritorial surveillance and/or the interception of digital communications and the collection of personal data. It also requested the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the panel discussion for submission at the twenty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/39).

Human rights of persons with disabilities

31. In its resolution 25/20, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare its annual study on the rights of persons with disabilities on article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on living independently and being included in the community. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/28/37), which will also be available on the website of OHCHR in an accessible format (see also paras. 68 and 69 below).

Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

32. In its resolution 22/4, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present an annual report containing information on relevant developments of United Nations human rights bodies and mechanisms, as well as on the activities undertaken by OHCHR that contribute to the promotion of and respect for the provisions of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/27) (see also paras. 71 and 99 below).

Rights of the child

33. In its resolution 25/6, the Human Rights Council invited the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the theme "Towards better investment in the rights of the child" and to present it at the twenty-eighth session to inform the annual day of discussion on the rights of

the child. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/33) (see also paras. 73 – 77 below).

34. In its resolution 25/10, the Council decided to convene, at its twenty-seventh session, a panel discussion on ways and means of accelerating global efforts to end violence against children, and requested the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the discussions of the panel, and to submit it before its twenty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/34).

Missing persons

35. In its resolution 69/184, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Human Rights Council at its relevant session a comprehensive report on the implementation of that resolution. The Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/28/52).

Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

36. In its resolution 25/7, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present his or her report, bearing in mind the content of that resolution, in conformity with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/28) (see also para. 80 below).

Ensuring use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in counter-terrorism and military operations in accordance with international law

37. In its resolution 25/22, the Human Rights Council decided to organize an interactive panel discussion of experts at its twenty-seventh session on the issues raised in the report of the Special Rapporteur on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism. It also requested OHCHR to present a summary of the deliberations of the panel discussion at the twenty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/28/38).

The role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights

38. In its resolution 24/16, the Human Rights Council decided to convene at its twenty-seventh session a panel discussion on the role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights, and requested OHCHR to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary, and to present it to the Council at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/28/30).

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

39. In its resolution 24/19, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to hold, in 2014, a workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights, and to present at the twenty-eighth session a report containing a summary of the discussions held at that workshop and on the progress towards the implementation of resolution 24/19. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/31).

Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

40. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/HRC/28/44) (see para. 102 below).

The implications of Israeli settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

41. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the fact-finding mission (A/HRC/28/43) (see para. 104 below).

Situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

42. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (A/HRC/28/80 and Add.1) (see para. 106 below).

43. Reference is also made to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 25/29 (A/HRC/28/45) (see para. 107 below).

Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan

44. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/HRC/28/46) (see para. 108 below).

Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief

45. In its resolution 25/34, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare and submit at its twenty-eighth session a comprehensive follow-up report based upon information provided by States on the efforts and measures taken for the implementation of the action plan outlined in paragraphs 7 and 8 of that resolution. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/47).

Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights

46. In its resolution 27/20, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the technical assistance provided by OHCHR to support inclusive and participatory development at the national level, for submission at the twenty-eighth session, to serve as a basis for the annual thematic panel discussion to be held at the same session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/42) (see also para. 114 below).

Technical cooperation in the field of human rights in Afghanistan

47. In its decision 2/113, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to report regularly to the Council on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/48).

Technical assistance for Libya in the field of human rights

48. In its resolution 25/37, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a written report, for submission at its twenty-eighth session, reflecting the human rights situation and the technical support and capacity-building needs in Libya. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/28/51).

Strengthening of technical cooperation and consultative services in Guinea

49. In its resolution 25/35, the Human Rights Council invited the High Commissioner to report at its twenty-eighth session on the situation of human rights and the work of OHCHR in Guinea. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/50).

Technical and capacity-building assistance for South Sudan in the field of human rights

50. In its resolution 23/24, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit a final report at its twenty-eighth session on progress in technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan in the field of human rights. In its resolution 26/31, the Council also requested the High Commissioner to monitor the situation of human rights in South Sudan and to report thereon at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/49).

51. In its resolution 26/31, the Council decided to convene, at its twenty-seventh session, a panel discussion on the human rights situation in South Sudan, and requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the panel discussion in the form of a summary and to submit it at the twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the summary report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/53).

3. Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

A. Economic, social and cultural rights

Question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights

52. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights (A/HRC/28/35) (see para. 25 above).

Promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for cultural diversity

53. In its resolution 25/19, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights to present her next report at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Farida Shaheed (A/HRC/28/57 and Add.1).

54. Reference is also made to the summary report of the High Commissioner on the panel discussion on history teaching and memorialization processes (A/HRC/28/36) (see para. 26 above).

Protection of the family

55. Reference is made to the summary report of the High Commissioner on the panel discussion on the protection of the family and its members (A/HRC/28/40) (see para. 27 above).

Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

56. In its resolution 15/8, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context to submit a report to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. In its resolution 25/17, the Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur as set out in Council resolution 15/8. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Leilani Farha (A/HRC/28/62).

Right to food

57. In its resolution 25/14, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the right to food to submit a report on the implementation of that resolution at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Hilal Elver (A/HRC/28/65).

Effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights

58. In its resolution 25/16, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, for a period of three years, and requested the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Council in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Juan Bohoslavsky (A/HRC/28/59 and Add.1).

59. In its resolution 25/9, the Council requested the Independent Expert to undertake a further study to analyse the negative impact of illicit financial flows on the enjoyment of human rights in the context of the post-2015 development agenda, and to present an interim study at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the interim study of the Independent Expert (A/HRC/28/60).

B. Civil and political rights

The question of the death penalty

60. In its resolution 26/2, the Human Rights Council decided to convene biennial high-level panel discussions to further exchange views on the question of the death penalty, the first of which to be held at the twenty-eighth session and to address regional efforts aiming at the abolition of the death penalty and the challenges faced in that regard (see annex).

Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

61. In its resolution 25/13, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment for a further period of three years to, inter alia, report to the Council in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Juan Méndez (A/HRC/28/68 and Add.1–4).

62. Reference is also made to the reports of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/HRC/28/25) and on the operations of the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/HRC/28/24) (see paras. 17 and 18 above).

Human rights in the administration of justice, including juvenile justice

63. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on the protection of the human rights of persons deprived of their liberty (A/HRC/28/29) (see para. 28 above).

Integrity of the judicial system

64. Reference is made to the summary report of the High Commissioner regarding the expert consultation on human rights considerations relating to the issues of administration of

justice through military tribunals and the role of the integral judicial system in combating human rights violations (A/HRC/28/32) (see para. 29 above).

Panel on the right to privacy in the digital age

65. Reference is made to the summary report of the High Commissioner on the panel discussion on the promotion and protection of the right to privacy in the digital age (A/HRC/28/39) (see para. 30 above).

Freedom of religion or belief

66. In its resolution 25/12, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief to report annually to it in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Heiner Bielefeldt (A/HRC/28/66 and Add.1–2).

C. Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals

Human rights of persons with disabilities

67. In its resolution 26/20, the Human Rights Council decided to appoint, for a period of three years, a Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, with a mandate to, inter alia, report annually to the Council, starting from its twenty-eighth session, in accessible formats and according to its programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Catalina Devandas Aguilar (A/HRC/28/58).

68. In its resolution 25/20, the Council decided that its next annual debate on the rights of persons with disabilities would be held at its twenty-eighth session and would focus on article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on living independently and being included in the community (see annex).

69. Reference is also made to the study of OHCHR on article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/HRC/28/37) (see para. 31 above).

Minority issues

70. In its resolution 25/5, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the mandate holder on minority issues as a Special Rapporteur on minority issues for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report on his/her activities to the Council. In the same resolution, it requested the Special Rapporteur to guide the work of the Forum on Minority Issues, prepare its annual meetings, report on its thematic recommendations and make recommendations for future thematic subjects. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Rita Izsák (A/HRC/28/64 and Add.1–2).

71. Reference is also made to the report of the High Commissioner on developments and activities that contribute to the promotion of and respect for the provisions of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (A/HRC/28/27) (see para. 32 above).

72. Reference is also made to the recommendations of the Forum on Minority Issues at its seventh session (A/HRC/28/77) (see para. 99 below).

Rights of the child

73. In its resolution 25/6, the Human Rights Council decided to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. In its resolution 69/157, the General Assembly requested the Special

Rapporteur to continue to submit reports to the Council on the activities undertaken in the fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, and that of her predecessor (A/HRC/28/56 and Add.1).

74. In its resolution 69/157, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to continue to submit reports to the Council on the activities undertaken in the fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Representative, Leila Zerrougui (A/HRC/28/54).

75. In its resolution 69/157, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children to continue to submit annual reports to the Council on the activities undertaken in the fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Representative, Marta Santos Pais (A/HRC/28/55).

76. In its resolution 7/29, the Council decided to incorporate into its programme of work sufficient time to discuss specific themes on the rights of the child. At its twenty-eighth session, the Council will hold its full-day panel discussion, which, pursuant to its resolution 25/6, will focus on the theme "Towards better investment in the rights of the child" and will be informed by the report of the High Commissioner (see para. 33 above and annex).

77. Reference is also made to the report of the High Commissioner on the theme "Towards better investment in the rights of the child" (A/HRC/28/33) and to the summary report on the panel discussion on global efforts to end violence against children (A/HRC/28/34) (see paras. 33 and 34 above).

Missing persons

78. Reference is made to the note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 69/184 (A/HRC/28/52) (see para. 35 above).

Human rights defenders

79. In its resolution 16/5, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders to report regularly to the Council. In its resolution 25/18, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for a period of three years in the same terms as provided in its resolution 16/5. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Michel Forst (A/HRC/28/63).

D. Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues

Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

80. In its resolution 25/7, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism to report regularly to the Council and to present his reports, bearing in mind the content of that resolution, in conformity with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Ben Emmerson (A/HRC/28/67).

81. Reference is also made to the report of the High Commissioner on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/HRC/28/28) (see para. 36 above).

Ensuring use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in counter-terrorism and military operations in accordance with international law

82. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on ensuring use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in accordance with international law (A/HRC/28/38) (see para. 37 above).

The role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights

83. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on the role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights (A/HRC/28/30) (see para. 38 above).

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

84. Reference is made to the summary report of the High Commissioner on the workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/HRC/28/31) (see para. 39 above).

Human rights and the environment

85. In its resolution 19/10, the Human Rights Council decided to appoint, for a period of three years, an independent expert on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and requested the mandate holder to report to the Council annually. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, John Knox (A/HRC/28/61 and Add.1).

Human rights and climate change

86. In its resolution 26/27, the Human Rights Council decided to incorporate into its programme of work for the twenty-eighth session a full-day discussion on specific themes relating to human rights and climate change, and to dedicate one panel to identifying challenges and ways forward towards the realization of all human rights for all, as well as the measures and best practices to promote and protect human rights that can be adopted by States in addressing the adverse effects of climate change, and another panel to the adverse impact of climate change on States' efforts to realize the right to food (see annex).

4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

87. In its resolution 25/23, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic through to the twenty-eighth session, and requested the Commission to present a written report on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic during an interactive dialogue at the twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the Commission (A/HRC/28/69).

Situation of human rights in Eritrea

88. In its resolution 26/24, the Human Rights Council decided to establish, for a period of one year, a commission of inquiry that would investigate all alleged violations of human rights in Eritrea and requested the commission to present an oral update at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will hear the oral update of the commission.

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

89. In its resolution 25/24, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran for a further period of one year, and requested him to submit a report on the implementation of his mandate at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Ahmed Shaheed (A/HRC/28/70) (see also para. 20 above).

Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

90. In its resolution 25/25, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for a period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit regular reports to the Council on the implementation of his mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Marzuki Darusman (A/HRC/28/71).

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

91. In its resolution 25/26, the Human Rights Council decided to extend for one year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a progress report to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Yanghee Lee (A/HRC/28/72).

5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms

A. Advisory Committee

92. In its resolution 24/33, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the situation of human rights of persons living with albinism and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the Committee (A/HRC/28/75).

93. In its resolution 22/16, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a research-based report on best practices and main challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in post-disaster and post-conflict situations and to present the report to the Council at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the final report of the Committee (A/HRC/28/76).

94. In its resolution 23/9, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to submit a research-based report to the Council at its twenty-sixth session on the issue of the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights. In its decision 26/115, the Council noted the request of the Committee to extend the time schedule envisaged for the report and decided to request the Committee to submit the final report at the twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the final report of the Committee (A/HRC/28/73).

95. In its resolution 24/14, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a research-based report containing recommendations on mechanism to assess the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights and to promote accountability, and to present a progress report to the Council at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the progress report of the Committee (A/HRC/28/74).

B. Complaint procedure

96. In its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council established the complaint procedure as contained in section IV of the annex to that resolution. In paragraph 98 of the same annex, the Working Group on Situations was requested, on the basis of the information and recommendations provided by the Working Group on Communications, to present the Council with a report on consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to make recommendations to the Council on the course of action to be taken. At its twenty-eighth session, the Council will consider the report of the Working Group on Situations on its fifteenth session (26–30 January 2015) and other pending issues relating to the complaint procedure in two closed meetings.

C. Special procedures

97. The Human Rights Council will consider a note by the High Commissioner transmitting the report on the twenty-first meeting of the special rapporteurs and representatives, independent experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures of the Council, held in Geneva from 29 September to 3 October 2014 (A/HRC/28/41).

98. The Council will consider the communications report of special procedures (A/HRC/28/85). The full report will be available online.

D. Forum on Minority Issues

99. In its resolution 6/15, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a Forum on Minority Issues to provide a platform for promoting dialogue and cooperation on issues pertaining to persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities. In its resolution 19/23, the Council renewed the mandate of the Forum and decided that the Forum should continue to meet annually. The Council will consider the recommendations made by the Forum at its seventh session, convened on 25 and 26 November 2014 (A/HRC/28/77) (see also paras. 32 and 72 above).

6. Universal periodic review

100. In its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council established the universal periodic review mechanism as contained in section I of the annex to that resolution. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its twentieth session from 27 October to 7 November 2014. At its twenty-eighth session, the Council will consider and adopt the final outcome of the review of Angola (A/HRC/28/11), Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (A/HRC/28/7), Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/HRC/28/17), Egypt (A/HRC/28/16), El Salvador (A/HRC/28/5), Fiji (A/HRC/28/8), the Gambia (A/HRC/28/6), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (A/HRC/28/12), Iraq (A/HRC/28/14), Italy (A/HRC/28/4), Kazakhstan (A/HRC/28/10), Madagascar (A/HRC/28/13), San Marino (A/HRC/28/9) and Slovenia (A/HRC/28/15).

101. Pursuant to President's statement 9/2 on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, the report of the Working Group, together with the views of the State under review concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions, as well as voluntary commitments made and replies presented by the State under review, before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary, to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue in the Working Group, will constitute the outcome of the review, to be adopted by the Council at its plenary session through a standardized decision.

7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

A. Human rights violations and implications of the Israeli occupation of Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

102. In accordance with its resolution 5/1 and decision 2/102, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, the new mandate holder Makarim Wibisono (A/HRC/28/78).

Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

103. In its resolution 25/28, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of that resolution at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/28/44).

The implications of Israeli settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

104. In its resolution 25/28, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present a report detailing the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the independent fact-finding mission to investigate the implications of the Israeli settlements on the rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (A/HRC/22/63). The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/43).

Ensuring respect for international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

105. In its resolution S-21/1, the Human Rights Council decided to dispatch an independent, international commission of inquiry to investigate all violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, particularly in the occupied Gaza Strip, in the context of the military operations conducted since 13 June 2014, and to report to the Council at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the commission (A/HRC/28/79).

Situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

106. Pursuant to its resolutions S-9/1 and S-12/1, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner concerning the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, especially in relation to East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip (A/HRC/28/80 and Add.1).

107. In its resolution 25/29, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of that resolution at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/28/45).

Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan

108. In its resolution 25/31, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report on the matter of human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/28/46).

B. Right of the Palestinian people to self-determination

109. In its resolution 25/27, the Human Rights Council decided to continue the consideration of the question of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination at its twenty-eighth session.

8. Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

110. No reports to be considered under agenda item 8.

9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief

111. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the implementation of the action plan outlined in Council resolution 25/34 (A/HRC/28/47) (see para. 45 above).

Elaboration of complementary standards to strengthen and update international instruments against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in all their aspects

112. In its decision 3/103, the Human Rights Council decided to recommend that the Ad Hoc Committee on the elaboration of complementary standards convene annual sessions to draw up the requisite legal instruments and to report regularly to the Council on progress in the elaboration of complementary standards. The Council will consider the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its sixth session (A/HRC/28/81), held from 7 to 17 October 2014.

Total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

113. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/162, during the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Human Rights Council will hold a debate on the state of racial discrimination worldwide, with the participation of the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. In the same resolution, the Assembly encouraged also the participation of eminent personalities active in the field of racial discrimination.

10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights

114. In its resolution 18/18, the Human Rights Council decided to hold an annual thematic discussion to promote the sharing of experiences and best practices and technical cooperation in the promotion and protection of human rights. At its twenty-eighth session, the Council will hold its annual thematic panel discussion, which, pursuant to Council resolution 27/20, will have the theme "Technical cooperation to support inclusive and participatory development and poverty eradication at the national level", and will be informed by the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/28/42) (see para. 46 above and annex).

National policies and human rights

115. Pursuant to its resolution 27/26, the Human Rights Council will convene a panel discussion on the issue of national policies and human rights, with a particular focus on the findings of OHCHR in its report (A/HRC/27/41), identifying challenges, further developments and good practices in mainstreaming human rights in national policies and programmes (see annex).

Technical cooperation in the field of human rights in Afghanistan

116. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/HRC/28/48) (see para. 47 above).

Technical assistance for Libya in the field of human rights

117. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on the technical support and capacity-building needs in Libya (A/HRC/28/51) (see para. 48 above).

Strengthening of technical cooperation and consultative services in Guinea

118. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights and the work of OHCHR in Guinea (A/HRC/28/50) (see para. 49 above).

Technical and capacity-building assistance for South Sudan in the field of human rights

119. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in South Sudan and technical assistance and capacity-building (A/HRC/28/49) and the summary report on the panel discussion on the human rights situation in South Sudan (A/HRC/28/53) (see paras. 50 and 51 above).

Capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights

120. In its resolution 26/32, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a new mandate on capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights, to follow on from the previous mandate, for a period of one year, renewable, and requested the Independent Expert to submit a report at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Mohammed Ayat (A/HRC/28/84).

Situation of human rights in Haiti

121. In President's statement 25/1, the Human Rights Council approved the request of the Haitian authorities for a one-year extension of the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, and invited the Independent Expert to submit his report on the situation of human rights in Haiti at its twenty-eighth session, as well as to undertake a

mission to Haiti and to report on that mission to the Council at the same session. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Gustavo Gallón (A/HRC/28/82).

Assistance to the Republic of Mali in the field of human rights

122. In its resolution 25/36, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali for one year and requested him to report at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Suliman Baldo (A/HRC/28/83).

Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic

123. In its resolution 27/28, the Human Rights Council decided to issue a one-year extension of the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic and requested her to provide an oral update on her report on technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic at its twenty-eighth session. The Council will hear the oral update by the Independent Expert, Marie-Thérèse Keita Bocoum.

Annex

Panels and discussions to be held at the twenty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council

Mandate	Panel / Discussion
16/21 Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council	Half-day high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming
26/2 Biennial high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty	Biennial high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty
7/9 and 25/20 Human rights of persons with disabilities	Annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities
7/29 and 25/6 Rights of the child	Annual full-day discussion on specific themes on the rights of the child
26/27 Human rights and climate change	Full-day discussion on specific themes relating to human rights and climate change
18/18 and 27/20 Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights	Annual thematic panel discussion on technical cooperation in the promotion and protection of human rights
27/26 National policies and human rights	Panel discussion on the issue of national policies and human rights